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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT SIAD'S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

REF: A) MOGADISCIO 1469, B) STATE 210166

1. REFTTEL REPORTS PRESIDENT SIAD HAS ASKED US TO DO THREE
THINGS TO ASSIST SOMALIA: A) ENCOURAGE THIRD COUNTRIES --
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EGYPT AND MOROCCO -- TO PROVIDE SOMALIA WITH NON-US ORIGIN
ARMS AND SPARE PARTS, B) MAKE A STATEMENT OF INDIRECT
POLITICAL SUPPORT BY NOTING THAT WE WOULD NOT VIEW WITH
INDIFFERENCE FOREIGN TROOP PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA, C) AS
QUICKLY AS PRACTICABLE (BUT NOT BEFORE CESSATION OF THE
ETHIOPIAN HOSTILITIES), PROVIDE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF US
COMMITMENT TO HELP SOMALIA WITH DEFENSIVE ARMS.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH AMBASSADOR THAT IF CONVOKED BY SIAD HE SHOULD REAFFIRM US COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO HELP SOMALIA MEET ITS DEFENSIVE MILITARY NEEDS AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE HORN PERMIT. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO REITERATE OUR OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN TROOP INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA, BE IT IN ANGOLA OR ETHIOPIA. AMBASSADOR MAY INFORM SIAD THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED ALL OUR AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS WITH GUIDANCE WHICH DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE DANGER OF SOVIET (AND CUBAN) MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE HORN (REF B). AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO POINT OUT ENCOURAGEMENT US GAVE TO OTHER

NATIONS TO ASSIST SOMALIA IN ITS ARMS NEEDS PRIOR TO ESCALATION OF SPORADIC OGADEN INSURGENCY AND SAY THAT WE HAVE DONE NOTHING SINCE TO DISCOURAGE OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES FROM ANY SUPPORT WHICH THEY MIGHT WISH TO GIVE SOMALIA.

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD ONCE AGAIN MENTION OUR WILLINGNESS TO INSTITUTE AN ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM. HE SHOULD SAY THAT WE ARE ALSO PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ALLEVIATION OF THE SUFFERING CAUSED BY THE OGADEN FIGHTING AND ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS SOMALIA MIGHT ADVANCE FOR THAT PURPOSE. WE REMAIN CONFIDENT OF IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, DESPITE THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE CONFLICT IN THE OGADEN.

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4. IF PRESSED BY PRESIDENT SIAD, THE AMBASSADOR MAY POINT OUT THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO IMPLEMENT OUR DECISION TO SUPPLY SOMALIA WITH DEFENSIVE ARMS ARE NOT OF OUR DOING. THE ESCALATION OF THE SPORADIC FIGHTING IN THE OGADEN TO ITS PRESENT LEVEL HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT, THE CONTEXT IN WHICH OUR IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP MUST DEVELOP. CHRISTOPHER

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